

**Town of Bentonia
Board Meeting
September 5, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Alderman Town of Bentonia was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Roger Burton III. The following members were present Clint Lancaster, Patricia Ferris and Robert Demus.; also present were Police Chief Jason Bright, Clerk Kim Tyer and Clerk Cannon Williams. Absent: Greg Shaffer. Members present from the community: Georgia Mill, Peggy Rucker, Mrs. Greer and Lee Ethel Hogue.

Motion to open the meeting was made by Clint Lancaster seconded by Patricia Ferris, motion passed.

The Mayor stated that the culvert near Rusty Nash's house has been repaired and Mr. Carey Holmes has paid in full. The town will install one water meter that will legally connect Mr. Carey Holmes duplex to town water.

One bid was received for the court order clean-up of the property located on Wilson/D&D Construction \$6706.00.

Mrs. Greer made a complaint concerning limbs hanging near the road at 205 Cannon Ave that is blocking the view of traffic. It was determined that Jason would have the trees cut down due to the fact that they are not on private property.

Mrs. Georgia Mill, (United State Postal Service Bentonia) stated that the post office has very low water pressure and would like to ask the town to see if there is anything that can be done to increase the pressure. The Mayor stated that he will have Jeff Williamson check on the water pressure at the post office. Mrs. Mills also expressed concern about town beatification and inquired if the town has applied for a beatification grant.

The Mayor reviewed the budget and inquired about rates for town utilities fiscal year 2018-2019. The board voted to raise the following utilities in August and will take effect October 1, 2018. The final budget was approved with a motion by Clint Lancaster and Seconded by Patricia Ferris, Motion Passed.

Water \$22.50
Sewer \$27.50
Deposit water and sewer \$100.00
Reconnect Fee \$100.00
Water Meter \$700.00
Sewer Tap \$700.00
Mills will remain at 14mils
Copy/Fax \$.25 Per Page
Police/Fire Report \$5.00

Kim and Cannon will attend court clerk training in Jackson, September 12-14, 2018.

The Mayor stated that the CDBG Grant had been denied. Representative Deborah Dixon had the grant application reopened and now we are waiting to see if the town will receive the grant. The Mayor stated that the site visit went well.

The Mayor stated Representative Deborah Dixon has also ear marked 525,00 for the Town of Bentonia sewer infrastructure project in Senate Bill 2002. MDFA will disperse funds once the Governor signs the bill.

The Mayor asked for any other business and a motion was made by Clint Lancaster and seconded by Patricia Ferris to adjourn.

Kim Tyer, Town Clerk

Roger Burton III, Mayor